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A Michigan Case

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"No."
"I thought you said that was an ideal way to spend your declining years in peace."
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COUNTY AGENTS TO BE RURAL LEADERS

Old Farmers' Institute Organization Is Abandoned in Favor of New System.

WINTER SCHOOLS PLANNED

These, as Far as Possible, Will Replace Institutes—Government Is Responsible for Change.

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East Lansing, Mich.—Old institutions, educational as well as political, have been toppling over along with autocracy under the stresses and strains of war. Ancient machines, most of them useful enough in their day, have creaked and groaned and finally become stalled by the wayside. Failures in the rush for the result-producing efficiency in the conduct of war demanded by those in high places. Thus is passing the farmers' institute, the most venerable medium for carrying information to the farmer perhaps, to be found in the whole system of agricultural education. The office of superintendent of farmers' institutes, long maintained at the college, has been quietly discontinued by the state board of agriculture, and the institutes themselves, while not all of them will be immediately abolished, will gradually be replaced by two day, three day and one week schools, until in a year or two at the most the schools will be extended to every part of the state and the institutes will disappear.

And now that the word has gone out that the institutes must go, there may be expected a clamorous protest from numerous quarters, for in the many years of its service the farmers' institute has built up an organization extending into the remotest backwaters of the state.

The old query "Why change?" is of course being put querulously to agricultural leaders, though these have not been at all at loss for an answer. They have replied that the institute system has simply been outgrown—it was a highly important agency for reaching the rural community yesterday, but today there are better, and so the old must make way for the new.

As almost every Michigan citizen knows, the institute was a one, two or three days meeting in which farmers and all classes of rural citizens in fact, assembled to hear lectures and witness demonstrations having to do with the promoting of the farming industry. When these institutes were first introduced, the men who appeared on the platform were most of them in tune with the spirit and knowledge of their times, but in the many years since these original meetings there has been a gradual accumulation of men who have not correctly reflected progress in agriculture, and so in not a few instances the institutes have been teaching ideas and methods which long since have been disproved by experience and newer findings.

This, however, is not meant to be a general disparagement of all individuals associated with the institutes, for there have been and still are any number of sincere, capable and progressive men identified with the county organizations.

These schools, which ultimately will wholly take the place of the institute, are themselves by no means in the experimental stage. Last year, and the year before, they were tried out in several scores of Michigan communities. Everywhere they met with the hearty endorsement of farmers.

As many of the schools as possible will be conducted throughout the state this winter, but where arrangements cannot be made for them, the institutes will be continued for the time being.

In announcing the change, the director of extension at the college, under instructions from the state board of agriculture, has sent out the following to the secretaries of the county institutes:

"In the past you have acted as secretary of the local farmers' institute society and we appreciate the good effort you have given to make the institutes of your county a success. It seems advisable now in the interest of efficiency and economy to make some changes in the methods of planning and carrying out the series of winter farmers' meetings. These changes are a result of the fact that the government is asking us to conduct the agricultural extension work on a war basis and has provided funds so that most liberal offers can be made to the counties for the employment of county agricultural agents.

"Thirty-two permanent county agricultural agents are already on duty and many other counties are practically ready to start the work. It is planned to complete arrangements for co-operation with practically all of the agricultural counties for the winter season has progressed very far. Funds are also available for the employment of county home demonstration agents to take care of the work for women. In addition to this the staff of extension workers with headquarters at the college has been greatly increased and the services of these men and women

are available to the counties through their agricultural agents.

"The state board of agriculture has therefore instructed me to recognize the county agent as officially in charge of all extension work within his county. There will be as great need for your assistance in carrying out the winter program as in the past, and we urgently request you to take the matter up directly with the county agent who is at all times kept informed concerning what help is available from the state and federal department of agriculture. In case no agent has yet been appointed for your county, kindly correspond with this office."

BEES MUST BE KEPT WARM

State Inspector Knocks Out Old Idea That Honey-Gatherers Sleep All Winter.

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East Lansing, Mich.—Men and women of the state while they are intensely engrossed in the fuel question and wondering where the next cent of coal is going to come from are likely to forget that their bees also require warmth. Bees do not hibernate or sleep all winter as so many people believe—a statement which can easily be verified by anyone who will open a beehive during the cold part of the winter. The health and life of the colony depend that the temperature be kept up at all times at least as high as 57 degrees Fahrenheit. To maintain this warmth the bees consume honey, which is a source of heat and energy. Ordinarily, the colder the weather, the more feed the bees consume, and the more active they become inside the cluster.

These facts show the necessity for conserving the heat of the colony and protecting it from outside cold. When colonies are properly protected they require far less stores for wintering and more bees live through until spring than is the case when the colony is not adequately protected. The consumption of large quantities of honey during cold weather causes the intestines to become clogged with indigestible material and results frequently in dysentery. Severe cases of dysentery are fatal.

When colonies are weakened by disease and an attempt is made to winter them outdoors many of them die. As soon as a warm day comes the bees of the vicinity rob out the dead colonies, and thus most of the foul brood is scattered. Anyone having weak or diseased colonies should by all means arrange to winter them in a cellar. Then if they die they will not be a menace to the other bees in the neighborhood.

Bees which do not have sufficient stores of honey to carry them through till spring should be fed. The best feed is made from two and a fourth pounds of granulated sugar to one pound of water. For each 20 pounds of sugar used, a teaspoon heaping full of tartaric acid should be used. The tartaric acid helps to keep the sugar from candying in the combs. The mixture should be boiled for a few minutes and fed to the bees while warm. Do not feed honey. It is more expensive than sugar and may be the source of foul brood.

TOP DRESSING AIDS WHEAT

Manure or Straw Applied Now Will Increase Likelihood of Good Crop Next Spring.

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East Lansing, Mich.—Much less is being heard these days of the necessity for a maximum wheat crop in 1918. The 1917 crop has been harvested and threshed, and the 1918 crop is in the ground. But despite this silence there are measures which the live wheat grower can adopt now to improve his chances for producing a bumper yield, and not the least of these is top dressing.

Top dressing winter wheat in early winter protects the wheat, supplies food for the crop, insures a better growth of clover and timothy when the latter are seeded in the wheat, and additionally quickens growth in the spring.

Owing to the scarcity of manure in most sections of the state, areas that have been planted to wheat probably cannot be top dressed as heavily with manure as might be desirable. Where such is true, a light dressing of four or five loads to the acre may be distributed. Such an amount, of course, will not go very far, so a method used by many of Michigan's most progressive farmers may be found valuable in overcoming this lack. Instead of trying to scatter this manure over all parts of the wheat land, they spread it thickly over only the high places, and allow the low places to go without. The low places are protected naturally from the weather, and are amply enriched by the leach from the high spots.

Where manure cannot be obtained at all, straw may be substituted as a top dressing and scattered at the rate of one-half to one ton per acre, with the heaviest applications on the most exposed soil.

Top dressing with manure in the spring is also good practice, and should be profitable at the present time, considering the prevailing high price of wheat.

Top dressing in the fall or early winter tends to reduce physical damage to the soil by protecting it from the puddling effects of heavy rains, and to some extent also prevents evaporation and drying and cracking of the soil surface.

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Prize Boy Farmers.
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Charm Is Necessary.

Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt, the great French actress, in a signed article in Harper's Bazar, attributes the numerous divorces that have come into the courts of late years to lack of charm in the women concerned.

"If I stood on the threshold of life," says Mrs. Bernhardt, "asking of it something with which to buy happiness, I should beg for charm. For if one has charm, she will be loved, and a woman must have love to be happy. Beauty does not matter. If a woman has charm she can secure whatever she wants—love, success, power."

The Divine Sarah also says that this invaluable quality can be cultivated.

The Honeymoon.

He—honey, you have done me a grievous wrong.

She—Why, George?

He—I never ought to have married you at all.

She—Oh, George!

He—Because, if you should die, you have made it impossible for me to live without a wife.

She—Why, George?

He—And you have made it impossible, honeybunch, for any other wife to suit me.

She—Oh, George!—Judge.

Awaiting Peace.

New York Jews have postponed calling proposed Jewish congress until peace is declared.

Even a strong-minded female dislikes the idea of standing up for herself in a street car.

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"There's a Reason"**BOY OF CHESTERFIELD TYPE**

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A policeman with kindly eyes, but a Spartan sense of duty, was towing a small boy to the nearest station, says the Washington Star.

A flock of other boys tagged behind.

The criminal grinned with nervous bravado. Each boy was a human geyser of sympathy and the whole show, from a strictly scenic viewpoint, supplied a comic supplement to the sort we know about—with the tenor left out.

As he reached his last edge of freedom the prisoner passed over a batch of newspapers to the nearest boy with orders to divide them all around—except one. He handed that one to the policeman.

The officer accepted the courtesy. Then he ordered the boys to return the papers. Then he gave the criminal a good-natured shake and told him to be off.

"And don't let me catch you scrapping again, you little scamp you!" And the little scamp took to his heels.

Which is merely to note that there is growing up in this town a certain small boy who had already put Chesterfield among the "also runs."

Egotism.

The man who had built up the new town and was showing a prospective settler about the place pointed with pride to a pretty little church just completed.

"Do you belong to the church?" asked the visitor.

"I should say not," replied the head man with an air of injured pride, "the church belongs to me."

Unconscious humor seldom makes the right people laugh.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead and ask your wife.

Where Many Stop.

What is regarded as a stepping-stone to business often proves an eternal roosting place.

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Mistaken Identity.

The other afternoon a woman rushed excitedly down an alley in a poor quarter of Manchester, and, stopping at a house, knocked loudly.

Receiving no reply, she knocked a second time. Still no answer.

A third time she knocked, and then a window above was lustily flung open, and a woman whose appearance betrayed signs of a sudden awakening leaned out.

"Well, what is it?" she asked.

The woman below looked up and exclaimed, with bated breath:

"Mrs. Skinner, yer 'usband's got ten days!"

"Dear, dear me, Mrs. Jones," was the reply, "is that all? 'Ow yed did unnerve me! Ah thought it was that sneercow after the rent agin.'"—Tit-Bits.

Outdoor Barbering.

Shaving in the street was the way a Beckenham, Ireland, barber got over a difficulty recently. The customer was a wounded soldier, and the man's invalid chair was too wide to enter the barber shop. Accordingly the barber went to his customer, and shaved him in the street.

When a rich man is seriously ill he sees a lot of people standing around waiting for his old shoes.

We can't all be rich, but we can all be patriotic.

Least of Two Evils.

An employee in the office of a noisy munition plant was absent from work one morning. After luncheon, however, he presented himself. He looked pretty bad, but he claimed that he was ready for work.

"Why, what are you doing down here?" cried the boss. "Your wife telephoned that you probably wouldn't be able to work for several days. She said you were on the verge of nervous prostration and that the least noise was bad for you. Why didn't you stay at home?"

"Well," answered the wage slave, raising his voice to be heard above the distracting din. "I did get through with the morning at home. But my wife had a bridge party this afternoon, so I thought I'd be better off down here."

Hun Music Barred.

Our Tommies, writes the anonymous author of "From Dug-Out and Billet," don't appreciate the Boches' music one little bit; they say there is no tune to it.

The other evening they (the Boches) had a piano in their advance trenches, and we were close enough to hear the performance.

"What the blazes are you playin'?" one of our chaps shouted across.

"Wagner!" came the reply.

"Well, grumbled Tommy, 'I don't wonder we're fightin' you about it.'"

In Form at Last.

"A confirmed golf player died in our town yesterday."

"Well, what about it? Even a golf player has to die some day."

"Just before he breathed his last he rose on one elbow and said: 'Fore!' but there was such a cynical look on his face, members of his family thought he might have meant 'four,' as that many doctors were at his bedside."

Want Cheaper Gas.

Mayor Buschmeyer has started a fight for cheaper gas for Louisville, Ky.